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Last Drinks



Monday morning before the clock struck 12 noon this happy gang was gathered together for a quick photo before again distancing themselves on the verandah at The Railway Hotel. L-R John, Ebony, Toni, Alana & Red with Karen at the front.

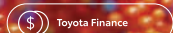
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THE ALLORA ADVERTISER AND COVID-19

While ever we are permitted to do so, we will continue to produce **The Allora Advertiser**. Elsewhere in Australia, local newspapers have been considered to be an essential service and we trust that the Queensland Government would view us in the same way.

We have arrangements in place to enable us to continue working to bring you your local news.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	A Few Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	13 25
THU	Showers Late. Broken Clouds. Mild	14 26
FRI	Morning Clouds. Mild.	14 24
SAT	Showers. Afternoon Clouds. Humid.	14 25
SUN	Showers. Cloudy. Mild. Humid.	14 26
MON	Few Storms. Breaks of Sun. Mild.	14 28

Letters to the Editor...

To the Editor,

I understand that there has been recent media reporting on the impact of coronavirus on the conduct of the forthcoming local government elections. I am worried that this issue is being informed by speculation rather than expert advice. This makes it harder for the government's facts-based response to get clear air with the public - a concern that both our Premier and Prime Minister have been emphasising in all of their communications with the public lately.

Last week I was briefed by the Minister for Health and the Director-General of Queensland Health over the Coronavirus event. At that briefing, the Director-General advised that the continuation of the local government election and the handing out of how-to-vote cards will continue based on the advice of the state Chief Medical Officer.

The Director-General's advice was that the normal conduct of elections doesn't infringe on the current strategies to limit the spread of coronavirus, and that social distancing, and electoral commission measures inside polling places will be sufficient. This is an important fact which should be included in any balanced media report when suggestions that democratic norms such as the canvassing of voters in an election are being questioned.

Our mayor, premier and prime minister are all on record, on many occasions, saying that decisions must be made on the basis of facts and expert advice, and definitely not on media and social media speculation.

As the local MP for our area, I am very worried for the jobs and livelihoods of people working in small businesses, and who are already suffering the effects of community concerns about coronavirus. We must follow the advice of Queensland Health and the Chief Medical Officer rather than provoke excessive alarm and cause further damage to local jobs and our economy. If the current arrangements for the local government election need to change, the Chief Medical Officer of Queensland will say so, and I'm sure that the Electoral Commission of Queensland will take such steps as Dr Young recommends.

James Lister MP
 Member for Southern Downs

Vote SHERYL WINDLE FOR COUNCILLOR



A vote to re-elect Sheryl Windle is a vote for a committed Councillor. I know how challenging the role of a Councillor can be. I am prepared for those challenges and will face them as a dedicated, full time Councillor. My priorities are to continue with the long term water security plans, continue to plan and achieve outcomes for Urban Development Frameworks for our smaller towns and villages, and, to uphold debt management and improved financial planning. I ask you to vote for a team of like-minded people who have the PASSION for the work, the HEART to see projects to fruition and the DESIRE to be a pivotal part of the team to establish a culture of productivity and success.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOTE FOR ME, YOU WILL FIND MY NAME AT THE END OF THE BALLOT PAPER.
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 Sheryl Windle of 204 Pratten Street, Warwick, Candidate for Southern Downs Regional Council.

Voting For Your Southern Downs Regional Council

This Saturday the Local Government Elections will be held.

Unofficially there has been 53% of the population already voted Pre-Poll in the SDRC election.

When you vote for the Mayor you can mark 1 against your choice OR you can mark all the boxes (1 to 4). When you vote for the Councillors you need to mark 1 to 8.

You're asked to take your Voter Information Card with you when you vote which helps mark you off the electoral roll.

POLLING BOOTHS will be open on Election Day, 28 March 2020 from 8am to 6pm (Polling Booth locations may be subject to change - check ECQ website)

- Allora** - Senior Citizens Hall, 18 Drayton Street
- Goomburra** - Public Hall, Goomburra Road
- Maryvale** - Maryvale State

- School**, 81 Taylor Street
- Killarney** - Senior Citizens Hall, 11 Ailanthus Street
- Massie** - Deuchar Massie Hall, 12 Warwick Allora Back Road, Massie
- Warwick** - Indoor Recreation & Aquatic Centre, 29 Palmerin Street
- Warwick** - Warwick East State School, 45 Fitzroy Street
- Warwick** - Warwick West State School - 17 George Street

HYGIENE MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE

- Where available, hand sanitiser will be provided for voters and polling officials at early voting centres and polling booths.
- Additional cleaning of polling booth areas will be undertaken to ensure that hard surfaces are regularly disinfected.
- All people in polling booths should follow social distancing guidelines

including maintaining distances of 1.5 metres where possible and avoiding handshakes.

- The ECQ has written to candidates advising that NO how-to-vote cards or other election material can be distributed at a polling booth.
- You're encouraged to take

your own pen or pencil, although pencils will still be available to all voters.

Remember Voting is compulsory. Voting is an opportunity to have your say and help shape Queensland. Voting is compulsory for all Queenslanders over the age of 18. If you don't vote, you may receive a fine.

News From Clifton Community Health

On, Sunday, March 22, Clifton Community Health Services received the COVID-19 test results of a patient who attended the Medical Centre last Wednesday.

The testing body has informed us that the test results were negative and the patient DOES NOT have COVID-19.

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Early Voting

The Electoral Commission of Queensland is actively encouraging electors to attend an early voting centre ahead of election day on 28 March 2020. The ECQ is strictly following the health and safety advice of the Chief Health Officer to minimise any health risks. Utilising the extended early voting hours will reduce the gathering of people which is consistent with health advice.

- An early voting centre at Warwick Town Hall is open -
- Wednesday 9am to 9pm
- Thursday 9am to 9pm.
- Friday 9am to 6pm.

At the moment, voting is quick. The average time it takes once entering an early voting centre is under 3 minutes and even quicker if people bring their Voter Information Card.

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Authorized by Glyn Rees, 23 South Street, Allora, Candidate for Southern Downs Regional Council.



Unveiling Postponed

The Coronavirus has claimed another big event in Allora.

Allora Shire's first two Sports Immortals Laura Geitz and Wayne Bennett were due to arrive in Allora on Saturday morning for the unveiling of the statuette and Park dedication.

Perry Cronin, president of the Allora Regional Sports Museum was very disappointed but appreciated that the health and well-being of the community was most important.

Anyone interested is still most welcome to inspect the new Park with its garden and benches and of course the replica statuette of Laura Geitz.

A comment from Perry is below: -

Because of the postponed unveiling of the Laura Geitz – Wayne Bennett park last Saturday many people and companies remain unthanked.

The Sports Museum was to claim this new mini park as the second most famous, vacant plot in Allora (A very distant second to the Soldiers Memorial Park).

In 1969 a time capsule was dedicated and buried on this site. 2019 saw this capsule unearthed 50 years early with the damaged contents salvaged and restored.

During the 150 years celebrations it was reburied with 86 new and current contributions from Shire People and organisations, in a ceremony that created history thanks to Burstows Funerals.



The new park and garden out the front of the Sports Museum.

The new Laura Geitz Statuette will guard this underground Museum till the unearthing in 2069. Molly and Diddle Williams are in charge of the retrieval during the 200 year celebrations in 2069.

Mayor Dobie was to present ceremonial shovels to the girls. Many thanks to Laura Geitz, Wayne and Bob Bennett and Shane Webcke for their organising and arranging of some very high profile people to attend with them.

Many thanks to the SDRG workers and RADF for the Grant, it was very welcome. Many thanks to John Gillot from Ergon for installing a spotlight to light the park, it looks great at night. A very special thanks to Mim, Ted and staff at the Allora Advertiser who, as always, were very helpful with our events. This event postponement has shattered organisers with so much work and organising of celebrities.

from Luke's Excavations and Landscaping for his donation of time and machinery and crafting the Statuette Plinth.

Special thanks to the talented Liam Hardy, the sculptor of Laura's Statuette. Liam has worked all over the world and was responsible for the Lang Park statues. He's now doing animals at Taronga Park Zoo. Allora is fortunate to have this valuable piece of art.

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The BBQ organised would have been like nothing else Allora has seen. Sorry to Robyn Miles and Aaron Vietier. It will proceed in the future but hope we can match what was planned with this one. The Museum committee is proud of what has been achieved with this park, it looks magnificent. Allora should be proud also, turning it from a wasted area to honouring our World Champions.

I wasn't going to waste my time or ink commenting on the small band of unprogressive armchair critics who thrive on misery, you've won this time with your hurtful comments, you now have 8-12 months to load new ammunition. We have a list of who not to invite to next time. To the positive people and hard workers... thank you

Perry Cronin (President)

Drivers escape uninjured



Two drivers were lucky to escape injury in a T-bone collision last Friday when one of the drivers failed to give way at an intersection.

At around 3pm, a 21-years-old male was travelling north on Allora Clifton Road when he failed to give way, subsequently colliding with an oncoming vehicle being driven by a

53-years-old Clifton male.

The 21-years-old male was charged for failing to give way.

Police ask people to be aware of the Johnson Grass on the roadside which was a contributing factor in this instance and is blocking the view of plenty of intersections around the region.

House Fire Under Investigation

Police are still investigating a house fire which occurred at Doyles Road in Spring Creek on Saturday afternoon, about 3pm.

Police say the owner of the vacant property was burning off some rubbish when wind got underneath it.

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TRACY DOBIE MAYOR



Southern Downs Regional Council

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EVENT CANCELLATIONS

Allora Show Society Friday Night Bull Ride scheduled for this Friday night 27th March at the Allora Showgrounds has been **cancelled**.

Allora & District Campdraft Association's weekend at the Allora Showground this Friday to Sunday has been **cancelled**.

Allora's Autumn Festival planned for 2nd May has been **cancelled** for 2020.

Allora's Churches Annual Palm Sunday scheduled for 5th April has been **cancelled**.

SDRC Public Meeting regarding the Condamine River Crossings Upgrade Report that was to be held at Killarney Thursday 26th March has been **cancelled**.

The Maryvale Markets organised for Sunday 29th March have been **cancelled**. At this stage the next scheduled markets will be 28th June.

Showcasing Pittsworth & Surrounds Open Weekend planned for 18th & 19th April has been **cancelled** for this year.

Darling Downs Antiques & Collectables Easter Fair to be have been held at the Warwick Showgrounds has been **cancelled**.



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Closure of Council Buildings

Due to health and safety considerations surrounding COVID-19, Southern Downs Regional Council has made the decision to close the following facilities:

- Allora Library - 78 Herbert Street, Allora
- Warwick Library - 49 Albion Street, Warwick
- Warwick Art Gallery - 49 Albion Street, Warwick

Warwick Visitor Information Centre - Town Hall, 72 Palmerin St, Warwick

These facilities have now closed and will not reopen until further notice is given.

Council libraries will offer a reduced service and residents are asked to stay in touch for further details on this program.

Water Restrictions Changes

Southern Downs Regional Council has now eased water restrictions from 100L per person per day to 120L per person per day.

This change recognises that, in spite of rainfall across the region, Storm King Dam remains very low, however the situation with supply for Warwick in Leslie Dam has substantially improved. It is also to give residents confidence that they have access to sufficient quantities of water to protect themselves against COVID-19 through good hygiene practices.

There are 5 ways we can all help stop the spread of viruses

- Clean your hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing.

- Avoid touching your face, nose and mouth and shaking hands. And avoid touching surfaces that would normally be used by other members of the public.

- Stay home if you are unwell.

- Avoid contact with anyone who is unwell – try to stay 1.5m away from anyone coughing or sneezing.

Looking after yourself by eating a healthy, balanced diet, getting regular physical activity, sleeping well and reducing stress is important all the time. Visit the Queensland Health website for updates on COVID-19.



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Allora Police Station Round Up

THEFT: Between Friday afternoon 6th March and Monday morning 9th March 2020, a Southern Downs Regional Council diesel fuel tank and trailer was taken from where it was parked with other council machinery, outside the Massie Hall at Massie. Council had been in the area for a couple of weeks prior to the occurrence, leaving their machinery and equipment parked beside the hall of a night-time and over the weekend periods. Only the trailer with fuel tank and 500litres of diesel was taken and has not yet been recovered. No other machines were entered, nor equipment stolen. While this appears a crime of opportunity, it is apparent the offenders were specific in what they were looking to take; the theft requiring at least a 4wd vehicle capable of towing. Police are seeking the assistance of members of the public in relation to this matter and asking anyone with information to call Allora Police or Crimestoppers.

DRUG RELATED: On the 4th day of March 2020, Allora Police were

part of a joint operation with neighbouring Police conducting enforcement on the Cunningham Highway, Gladfield. At about 11:45pm, Allora Police intercepted and had cause to search a vehicle containing a male and female from Inglewood. The search resulted in the location of quantities of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), cannabis and drug utensils. A 24 year old man was charged with three counts of 'possessing dangerous drugs', one count of 'possessing utensils' and one count of 'unlicensed driving'. He is set to appear before the Warwick Magistrates Court at a later date.

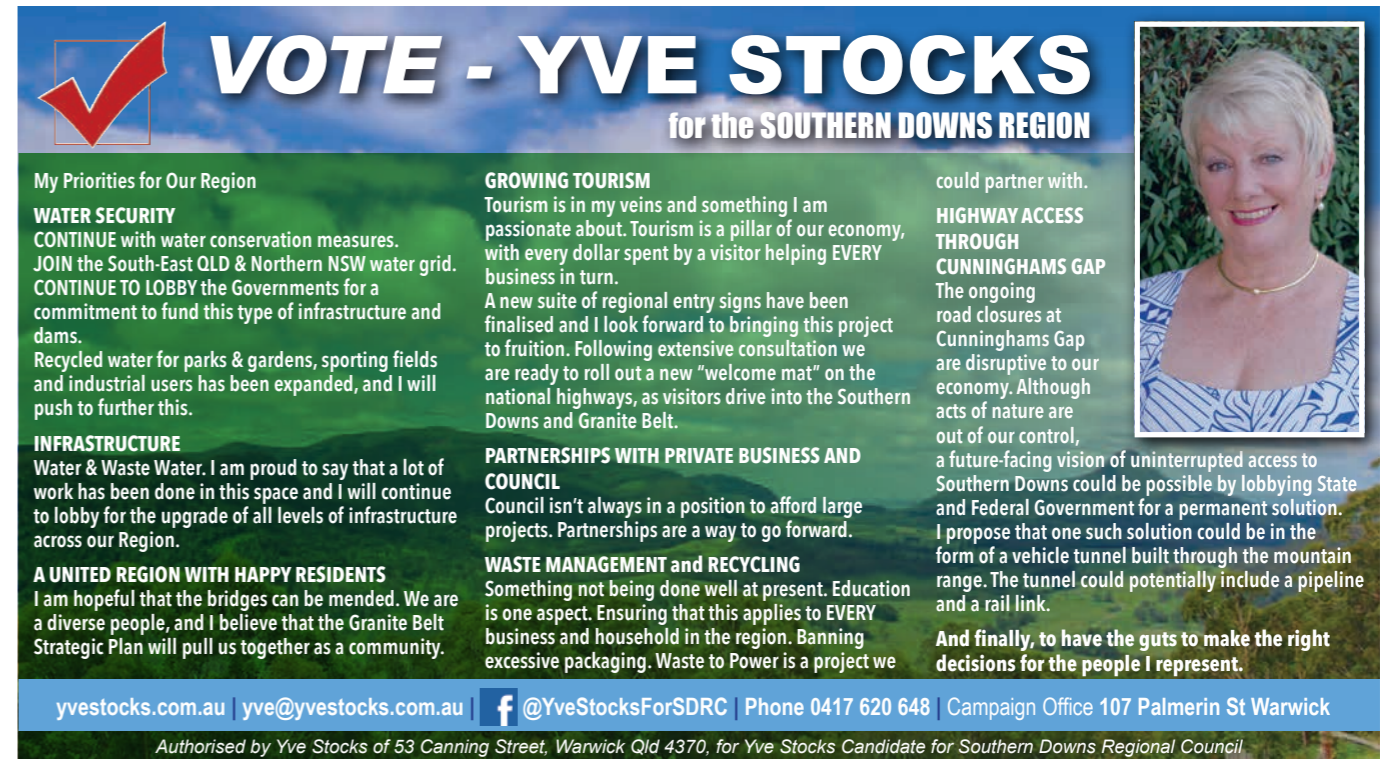
On the 20th day of March 2020, Allora Police intercepted and had cause to search a vehicle on Dragon Street, Warwick. The search resulted in the location of a quantity cannabis and an unlawfully possessed knife. A 27 year old Warwick woman was charged with one count of 'possessing dangerous drugs', one count of 'possessing a knife

in a public place', and one count of 'unlicensed driving'. She is set to appear in the Warwick Magistrates Court at a later date.

HOON RELATED: An ongoing issue within our local area is the blatant disregard of persons hooning and driving dangerously, leaving our roads tarnished and putting our loved ones at risk. On the 18th day of March 2020, Allora Police were contacted in relation to a vehicle performing burnouts on the New England Highway at Glengallan, before the vehicle drove back towards Allora and was involved in a minor crash on Warwick-Allora Road. The vehicle and its driver managed to flee the scene and were not located at the time. Later investigations identified a 21 year old Berat local as being responsible. He was subsequently fined \$427 and 2 demerit points for 'wilfully creating unnecessary noise/smoke'. His vehicle was also immobilised for a period of three months, which will become permanent should he re-offend. To those who continue to put other

peoples lives at risk with your reckless behaviour – stop and think. The Police and the community are well aware of who you are, so we are encouraging you to consider the people you are affecting and change your ways. The consequences can be far worse than a fine or court appearance. In contrast, Allora Police would like to thank the community for providing ongoing support and assistance in these matters. Once again, for those who wish to speak with us, call into the station when the door is open, phone us on 4666 3222, or provide anonymous information via Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Damian F. GRACE
Sergeant 7722
OIC Allora Police Station

VOTE - YVE STOCKS

for the SOUTHERN DOWNS REGION

My Priorities for Our Region

WATER SECURITY
CONTINUE with water conservation measures. JOIN the South-East QLD & Northern NSW water grid. CONTINUE TO LOBBY the Governments for a commitment to fund this type of infrastructure and dams. Recycled water for parks & gardens, sporting fields and industrial users has been expanded, and I will push to further this.

INFRASTRUCTURE
Water & Waste Water. I am proud to say that a lot of work has been done in this space and I will continue to lobby for the upgrade of all levels of infrastructure across our Region.

A UNITED REGION WITH HAPPY RESIDENTS
I am hopeful that the bridges can be mended. We are a diverse people, and I believe that the Granite Belt Strategic Plan will pull us together as a community.

GROWING TOURISM
Tourism is in my veins and something I am passionate about. Tourism is a pillar of our economy, with every dollar spent by a visitor helping EVERY business in turn. A new suite of regional entry signs have been finalised and I look forward to bringing this project to fruition. Following extensive consultation we are ready to roll out a new "welcome mat" on the national highways, as visitors drive into the Southern Downs and Granite Belt.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS AND COUNCIL
Council isn't always in a position to afford large projects. Partnerships are a way to go forward.

WASTE MANAGEMENT and RECYCLING
Something not being done well at present. Education is one aspect. Ensuring that this applies to EVERY business and household in the region. Banning excessive packaging. Waste to Power is a project we could partner with.

HIGHWAY ACCESS THROUGH CUNNINGHAMS GAP
The ongoing road closures at Cunninghams Gap are disruptive to our economy. Although acts of nature are out of our control, a future-facing vision of uninterrupted access to Southern Downs could be possible by lobbying State and Federal Government for a permanent solution. I propose that one such solution could be in the form of a vehicle tunnel built through the mountain range. The tunnel could potentially include a pipeline and a rail link.

And finally, to have the guts to make the right decisions for the people I represent.

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ALLORA Swimming Awards



ABOVE: Allora Swimming Club members Chloe Harm, Claire Eckersley, Will Day and Bailey Harm proudly accepted the Marvyen Whittaker Shield as the Winners of the 2020 Country Club Relay at the DDRSA presentation evening in Highfields. This was the first year Allora has claimed the shield in our clubs history!



RIGHT: Fidgey's Fish squad members Emma Day and Alyssa White train together and compete together, and were named joint winners as Country Age Champion for 13 years girls 2020. Emma and Alyssa are pictured with proud coach Andrew Fidge at the DDRSA Awards evening.

BOTTOM LEFT: Allora Swimmer Claire Eckersley celebrated a successful first season with the Allora Swimming Club, receiving the 12 years girls Country Age Champion at the DDRSA presentations in Highfields.



Champion swimmers from our Allora Pool Fidgey's Fish squad recently attended the Darling Downs Regional Swimming Association Presentation Dinner in Highfields. Congratulations to all of our local swimmers on their outstanding regional awards. Pictured are Will Gilmore (Country Age Champion), Caitlin Skaines (Country Age Champion, State Relay team member and Country Female Swimmer of the Meet) and Bailey Harm (Country Age Champion, Short Course Age Champion, Regional Junior Champion, State Relay Team Member and Patrons Shield Team Member).

Control measures increased at Warwick Saleyards

Due to continuing and increased threat posed by COVID-19, Southern Downs Regional Council will impose the following control measures at the Warwick Saleyards for Tuesday's cattle sale and Wednesday's sheep and lamb sale. These measures will remain in place until further notice.

- All persons attending the Warwick Saleyards will be required to wear disposable gloves. Council will distribute the gloves upon entry to avoid contact with all steel surfaces, double handling of paper etc. Anyone who does not adhere to the protocol will be asked to leave the premises.
- The main access gate will be locked and only available to trucks with an Avdata key.
- All other vehicles will enter via a manned gate at the workshop to allow Council to record attendee's details, distribute mandatory

- disposable gloves and advise of social distancing requirements.
- The canteen operator will supply only take-away meals. No sit down meals will be available.
- There will be restricted access to cattle catwalks. A total of 23 entry and exit points will be closed to the general public. Council will erect "No Access" signs for each of these points. Only auctioneers will be allowed in the catwalk area.
- The Scale House will likely operate with only one staff member due to confined space. The weighing process will be slower as a result.
- The server window will be closed and any reports for agents will be provided through the pigeon holes in order to reduce any unnecessary contact.
- Any persons observed to be unwell or have a cough will be asked to leave.
- Only buyers, agents and

yard staff in attendance will be allowed at saleyards. All other non-essential persons are requested not to attend the sale. Buyers wishing to participate in the sales are encouraged to engage their preferred agent or commission buyer.

Social distancing throughout the sale will be continually monitored by Council staff. For all the latest Southern Downs Regional Council news, visit www.sdrc.qld.gov.au or call 1300 697 372.

Random breath tests continue

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) continues to conduct random and targeted breath tests across the State, anywhere at any time.



The recent decision to suspend static (multi-vehicle) roadside breath and drug testing means an increase in random and targeting testing to ensure the safety of all users of Queensland road networks. Road safety continues to be a priority with motorists urged not to drink drive and

always have a 'Plan B'. Static testing sites have been suspended to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 to other community members and frontline police.

How to Vote? STEPHEN TANCRED

CARRICK, Marion	
TANCRED, Stephen	1
GRANT, Greg	
CABEZAS, Paola	2
MCDONALD, Cynthia	3
MCNALLY, Jo	
JENSEN, Michael Damian	4
LAWS, Sue	
HARROLD, Amanda Joy	5
GREENE-GALLOWAY, Jenn	
GLIORI, Marco	
ETTERY, Robert	
MARSDEN, Barbara	
WANTLING, Russell	
GOW, Cameron	
KEOGH, Julia	
JOHNSON, Gregory Glenn	
STOCKS, Yve	
KELLY, Rod	
BARTLEY, Ross	6
MCNICHOL, Marika	
HUNTER, Max	
CHRISTENSEN, Scott	
GALE, Andrew	7
REES, Glyn	8
WINDLE, Sheryl	

My slogan is "Let's Change It" so I've nominated all new candidates.



I value diversity of people and their backgrounds. It adds greatly to what they can bring to the table as a Councillor.

On my list I have 3 ladies and 5 gentlemen. Three live in the big towns (Warwick or Stanthorpe), 4 live in rural areas and 1 lives in Allora. There's an age mix from mid 40's to early 60's. They're all successful in their careers and there is a mix of professional experiences (a secretary, policeman, a farmer, scientist, ex-banker, a soldier, a fireman and a winemaker). Two have solid local government experience as past Councillors. All are parents and 3 are grandparents. One was born overseas and 3 were born on the Downs. What a diverse bunch! But they all choose to live here because they all love the Southern Downs, they all want to serve their community, and they all would take the role very seriously. That's why they're on my How to Vote card.

Remember you must mark 8 candidates for your vote to be valid. Thank you considering me as you Councillor.

Authorised by S.Tancred, 15 Minna St, Stanthorpe Q, for S.Tancred (Candidate).



Garden Club Outing



see. The nursery is very well-stocked and Peter Bevan, our host, has a comprehensive knowledge of all his plants. He stocks a large range of eremophila as well as some other native plants. He grows them all himself.

We plan to go again in August when there'll be more trees and shrubs flowering along Peter's Rail Trail, so pencil-mark Tuesday, August 4th on your calendar.

Next month, on Tuesday, 7th April, if it's possible, we'll meet at 1pm, at 1 Drayton Street, for a meeting

Earlier this month the Allora and District Garden Circle visited Pete's Hobby Nursery in Lowood. The countryside we drove through was thoroughly green and beautiful to



Garden Circlers surrounded by the Rail Trail 2020.

and afternoon tea on the verandah. We'll stroll past a couple of gardens nearby and chat with the gardeners. I'll carry some fold-up chairs. For more information phone Sandra on 0409 542 692 or Jane on 4666 3868.

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Sir,

NO VOTE - Upcoming Local Government Election: I myself will vote (informal), my reason being the former Number 2 Division of the former Allora Shire has not had a council rep since 2000, 20 years ago. The candidates standing for the upcoming election only represent Southern Downs, not west of the Toowoomba Warwick railway line.

The persons who want to represent former Allora Council area will only represent, if elected, the areas of Allora, Hendon, Massie, Deuchar and Goomburra - All areas east of the railway line.

How have we in Talgai West area had jobs done without council members? After 2011 floods the approaches to crossings on Dalrymple Creek Road washed away. After a week of traffic (that used the Road) continually coming past my door, I went to investigate and found the crossing completely washed away. So I told S.D.C. to get your out here. Out came the overseer and when he saw the mess there was action quick smart.

When Campbell Newman was in as Premier I wanted Cowley Bridge on Mullins Flat Road repaired. What I got was a new bridge from the Newman Government. Nothing to do with them S.D.C. So the reason I am voting informal is because of no Representation.

Derek Weier
Talgai West Road, Via Allora

Meals On Wheels?

Is this a good time to restart Meals on Wheels in Allora?

We believe that Meals on Wheels was once operated in town by Blue Care.

As well as delivering healthy meals to clients' homes Meals on Wheels

provide regular social contact and a friendly check to see all is OK - it can make a difference to somebody's life.

Maybe there's a Club or Group that may be interested? IT'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Allora and Killarney pools close early for winter

Southern Downs Regional Council has brought forward the winter closure of the Allora and Killarney public pools, effective from

last Monday, 22 March. Water will remain in the pools and be appropriately treated during the winter closure.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1995

SES Cadet Unit for Allora

Allora will become one of the first local authority areas in Queensland to begin signing up volunteers under a new State Government youth initiative - the SES Cadet Scheme. Deputy Premier and Minister for Emergency Services Tom Burns announced that 10 Queensland regions would take part in the scheme. A month-long statewide training program for adult supervisors had already taken place in several centres throughout Queensland. The scheme will be open to local girls and boys aged from 13 to 15 years and is aimed to instil youngsters with community pride and spirit and encourage them to stay on into their adult years as senior SES volunteers.



Members of the Allora SES Cadet Unit undertaking a communications course in 1996. Amongst the cadets pictured are Ben Reedman, Tanya Chandler, Ricky Gwynne, David Newport and Sonia Newport.

Children Against Eastlink

A delegation of 100 Darling Downs school children met with the Premier Wayne Goss in Brisbane and presented a petition in protest about the proposed Eastlink electricity transmission line joining Queensland and N.S.W., passing just to the west of Allora. The children's petition took the form of drawings, letters, poems and songs

and was presented to Mr. Goss by four representatives of the group Sarah Henry, 14, of Massie; Greta Hentschel, 15, of Allora; Ian Lewis, 15, of Montrose and Justin Cowley, 14, of Ellinthorpe. Mr. Goss answered questions asked by the delegation and assured them that he would take the petition to State Cabinet. Darling Downs Rep Allora swimmer Donna Willett reached the pinnacle of Darling Downs school sporting achievement by being selected

in the Darling Downs swimming team for the 10th successive year. Donna first represented the Darling Downs when she was a Year 3 student at the Allora State School. She has competed in six State championships in Brisbane, three in Rockhampton and one in Cairns. Currently a student at the Clifton High School, Donna aims to compete in the 1996 University Games.

Colin Newport

Fatal crash, Clintonvale

Police are investigating a fatal, two vehicle traffic crash at Clintonvale early Saturday morning.

Just after 1am, a truck and a car travelling on the Cunningham Highway, just north of Eight Mile, collided head on.

The 54-year-old male

driver and sole occupant of the car was declared deceased at the scene.

The 35-year-old male truck driver was not physically injured during the incident.

Investigations are continuing.

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Solution in classifieds section

Events Calendar

2020

March -	
Fri 27 - Sun 29	Allora & District Show Campdraft CANCELLED Allora Showgrounds
Tue 31	Allora CWA Friendship & Craft Group Allora CWA, 9.30am
May -	
Wed 6	Peace Walk & Candlelight Vigil Warwick
Sat 23 & Sun 24	ASH Futurity & Campdraft Allora Showgrounds
Thu 28	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Railway Hotel Allora
June -	
Sat 13	June Afternoon "Baubles, Bangles & Beads" St. Davids, Allora.
Sun 14	Allora Community Auction & Markets Allora Showgrounds
September -	
Fri 11	Allora/Clifton Anglican Street Stall Allora, 8.30am - 12.00 midday
October -	
Fri 16	St Patrick's Fete St Patrick's School Grounds

TODAY'S QUOTE

"You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because thorns have roses." - Tom Wilson

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

"Daddy" asked the little girl "do all fairy stories begin with 'Once upon a time'?"

"No sweetheart", the father replied. "a lot of them begin with, "If I'm elected..."



SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. How long ago was the Big Bang? Was it a) 14 trillion years ago, b) 14 billion years ago, c) 14 million years ago, or d) 14 thousand years ago?
2. Which element has the symbol Hg? Is it a) hydrogen, b) hafnium, c) mercury, or d) electrum?
3. CSIRO has a robot called Starbug, which was once lost and found on Moreton Island. What kind of robot is it? Is it a) a flying quadcopter, b) car with wheels, c) a hexapod with legs, or d) a submarine?
4. Which of the following would you not find in human blood? Is it a) red blood cells, b) blue blood cells, c) white blood cells, or d) water?
5. Which common vegetable comes from the plant Brassica oleracea? Is it a) cabbage, b) Brussels sprouts, c) broccoli, d) cauliflower, or e) all of the above?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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St. Patrick's School News



Extra Measures at St Patrick's

Health authorities report that it is unclear as to how long the Corona Virus Pandemic will last in Australia. Extra measures have been implemented at St Patrick's to reduce the chance of transmission:

- Direct teaching and supervision of 20 second handwashing whereby the soap is lathered for 20 seconds before being rinsed away. Interestingly, the song 'Happy Birthday' when sung to yourself takes about 20 seconds.
- Hand washing is occurring before entry into

classrooms and before meal times.

- Extra soap dispensers have been installed.
- Sanitary wipes have been issued so that learners can wipe down ipads and laptops after use.
- Hand sanitizer is being used in classes as needed.
- We've swapped out 'high fives' and hand shakes with 'air' high fives and 'Wiggle Fingers' - the children are enjoying this. 'Air hugs' have been found to be particularly fun for our younger learners.
- Age appropriate conversations about how strong

our bodies are in fighting illnesses but how important it is for us to look after others. Students are telling us that their parents are telling them about distancing themselves from older family members - Well done!

- Spacing out of desks in classes.
- Teachers have started arranging work for learners to do in the event of a closure.
- School cleaning hours have been increased to allow for extra disinfecting of additional surfaces.
- An action plan, specific

to our school has been published so that we are ready to respond when necessary.

- Conversations about how we are looking after the whole of Allora, Queensland and Australia by doing the things that we are doing (listed above). The children feel empowered.

St Patrick's is working with our learners and families to keep everyone safe. Thank you for helping us in aiming to achieve this.

Tyronne Maher
Principal



Allora P-10 State School News



COVID-19 Update

The Department of Education continues to work closely with Queensland Health to monitor the situation and identify and manage any impacts on schools and early childhood centres. You can be assured that we have been preparing and stand ready to act should the need arise.

If a case is identified in our school, the Department of Education and Queensland Health will work closely with us in managing our response and our actions will be taken with community health at the centre of our decision making.

If your child develops flu-like symptoms, please:

- * keep your child at home;
- * avoid close contact with others such as touching, kissing or hugging, or any mass gatherings, especially those involving other children;

- * see a doctor or contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) immediately;
- * seek medical advice if your child has other underlying medical conditions; and
- * call ahead to the medical centre or doctor's surgery, advising of your child's symptoms and the closure of the school.

It is also important to continue to encourage your children to:

- * wash their hands regularly with soap and water, particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet;
- * use alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap is unavailable;
- * cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of their elbow; and
- * dispose of tissues in the bin immediately.

Further advice and information about the coronavirus is available

on the Queensland Health website: conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/838/novel-coronavirus

Sports Report

Due to the current health pandemic, sporting/group events are cancelled until further advice.

Interhouse Cross Country: Our Interhouse Cross Country has been cancelled for this term.

Level 2 Athletics

Members of our staff joined with other staff throughout the area and attended a rigorous two-day athletics coaching and officiating course recently. This Level 2 Athletics course will benefit our students across all year levels.

Shaun Kanowski
Principal



Staff members attending Level 2 Athletics course.

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WEDNESDAY - Bible Study at 7.00pm, at the church

A MEN'S BREAKFAST at the Allora Presbyterian Church was planned for Saturday 28 March 2020. Under the circumstances and to ensure the health of our many valued visitors, we have CANCELLED the Breakfasts until further notice. We will advertise when they recommence.

Enquiries to Pastor Elton Wiltshire 4666 3743
A Warm Welcome to ALL.

ST. DAVID'S MONTHLY SENIORS LUNCHEONS - It has been decided that during this time of Coronavirus, the Seniors Luncheons held on the 1st Thursday of each month at St. David's Hall will be suspended until further notice.

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Greek words for water and silver.
3. (d) Starbug is a submarine, often used for ecological surveys of rivers, lakes and coral reefs.
4. (b) Even in veins that look blue, the blood is still red. Veins that look blue to the eye do so because of the way light travels through skin, and the way our eyes perceive that light.
5. (e) Brassica oleracea has been selectively bred to grow lots of different vegetables, including cabbages, Brussels sprouts, kale, kohlrabi, cauliflower, broccoli and kailan.
1. (b) The Big Bang was about 14 billion years ago.
2. (c) Mercury (Hg) was once called hydrargyrum, which comes from the

THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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BOWLS

The fire ants were on fire again trouncing their opposition by 21 points but it was Gina's Babies who showed what sportsmanship is all about. Their determination to win started with hiding the opposition skip's bowls before the game to a tiny tanty kicking the kitty away at the end of the first game because they lost BUT it was all in good fun and made for a very entertaining night. Still a mystery as to how one of Bev's bowls ended up with next rinks bowls, did she only bowl 2 bowls down in the game before, maybe it was another of Gina's Babies tricks. Bryce Turner, I hold you responsible.

On **Rink 1** - A Bowla Virus (was raging) 19 d Landcruisers + One 8; **Rink 2** - Gina's Babies 19 d Are You Game Enough 8 (Patto still questioning how we

Allora Night Bowls – Week 9

went down 6 on one end); **Rink 3** - The Three Stooges 17 d Generation Gap 8; **Rink 4** - Pig Lures 17 d Railway Hotel 12; **Rink 5** - Fire Ants (on fire) 28 d The Other Team 7; **Rink 6** - Doesn't Matter 14 d Three of Us 13; **Rink 7** - Bowled & Beautiful 13 d Tramps of Like Us 12 (great to see a win for Bowled & Beautiful at last).

Lucky Raffle winners this week: Tim H x 2, Lynn P, Slippery & Sheree. Denis won the much sort after team trophy donated by Fire Ants, I am sure he will put it to good use. Rusty had a shot at the \$20 Jackpot but alas not a winner (karma maybe).



Fire Ants Team trophy.

Touchers for Chocolates: Gade, Tim, Jim, Jack, Liz, Bev (at last, I won a chocolate)

Winners this week - The Three Stooges and Losers - Railway Hotel, congratulations teams.

Thank you to all our sponsors – Railway Hotel, Allora Sports Club, Allora Butchery & Len Hoey Wagyu and to our workers and players, only 5 more weeks

before the season ends, see you back on the green next week for another fun night. Happy Bowling.

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